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**MARRIAGE.**  
At the Registrar-General's Office, before Mr. J. J. HOLLIS, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, FRANK LYDIA, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. SANFORD REICH, by CHARLES DUNLAP, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE AYTON, of Leith, Scotland.

**DEATH.**  
On the 15th December, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, JOHN CALDIS, aged 22 years.

**The Daily Press.**

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THE war scare has revived in an even more serious shape than before. It is six days ago now that Reuters, on the strength of the Agency's information from Tokyo, pronounced the situation with regard to Russo-Japanese relations to be very gloomy. All the latest telegrams, from home and from the North nuke, go to confirm this. Alone to the other effect do we hear that "S. Petersburg continues to be the most hopeful of a pacific solution of the Japanese difficulty." This is what we should expect of S. Petersburg—that is to say, official S. Petersburg, for it is not likely that we should hear of the opinions of any other section of the Russian capital. But we venture to think that the "hopefulness" of S. Petersburg is part of the diplomacy of the Russian Government, which has all along been protesting its confidence in a peaceful issue, while getting ready busily for war. Russian faith of course has long been a byword, as in Roman times, with far less justice, was *Punica fides*. The folly of those who believe in Russian assurances has been demonstrated amply and often. No admittedly barbarous State is more shamelessly mendacious. Yet by the etiquette of diplomacy the Powers continue to deal with Russia as with an honourable nation. Some of the Powers have the excuse that it pays them to do so; but there are some at least that have not. We published yesterday a summary by our Kobe correspondent of a semi-official article in the Tokyo *Kokumin* on the various conferences held by the Japanese Ministers concerning the questions in dispute with Russia. From this it appears that Japan's attitude has been perfectly consistent and straightforward from the first. At the last conference, which took place within the last ten days (from the 20th instant), the Ministers decided to adhere to their

but which presumably includes Japanese supremacy in Korea as undoubted as Russia's in Manchuria to trade. Should this be refused by Russia, the *Kokumin* says, "Japan is fully equipped and ready for immediate action." The only meaning of this must be that Japan is prepared to land troops at once. It has been argued before that Japan is not likely to commence operations before the spring; but if the *Kokumin* is correct, the contrary seems to be the case. On the Russian side, too, there is a change of plans announced. It is only a few days since we were told that the Russian squadron now at Bizerta, on the Northern coast of Tunis, would not leave for the Far East until the end of January. Now Reuters states that the battleship *Odessa*, the cruisers *Aurora* and *Dmitri Donik*, and five destroyers under the command of Admiral Urenius, will be reinforced by six destroyers in a few days and will then sail for this part of the world. So important a movement cannot be passed over without challenge, if war is to come. If Japan does decide on immediate action, as suggested by the *Kokumin*, it is most unlikely that this new Russian squadron will be allowed to join the Pacific fleet without an effort to stop it. Indeed, it is certain that in event of a rupture an effort would be made to intercept it. The sailing question would be the great problem then awaiting solution, and in this regard Japan would have an immense advantage in South China waters. Only with the aid of France could Russian warships expect to supply themselves south of their own ports, and France is confronted by the terms of the Anglo-Japanese agreement.

Most interesting naturally to us in Hongkong is the question what attitude Britain will take, if the worst happens and war does break out. Hitherto British influence has chiefly been used indirectly in restraining Japan. This is very right, but it must not be forgotten that it is Russian aggression, not Japanese, which we desire to check. It is too often overlooked that Russia's success in her designs in North-east Asia means not only the death-blow to Japan, but the absolute extinction of all but Russian influence in North China and Korea, the Russianisation of the Gulf of Pechili, and the end of British trade in that quarter of the Far East. So far there has been no sign of the British Government taking special precautions in view of the crisis. Two more battleships, we were told, are coming out; but they have not started, and the growing superiority of Russia's fleet in these waters is unproductive of any effort on Britain's part. A demonstration of naval activity, perfectly pacific of course, could not fail to produce a great effect, but it is not made. In fact nothing seems to ruffle British Governmental calm. Yet, next to Japan, we stand to lose far more than any one nation or even any combination of European nations by the success of Russia's schemes. We say "European" because there is a non-European Power also concerned. Whether there are any hopes of the United States taking any action is most difficult to say. The treaty with China has been ratified whereby Moukden and Antung are to be opened; and an U.S. warship has just been despatched to Korea on a very slight pretext. It is hardly possible that the States will consent to see a clause of their treaty with China nullified by Russia. But, on the other hand, hostility to Russia is not a very good party-ery for a Presidential election, and the time of that election is at hand. Moreover, there is Panama to a tract the attention of all Americans. The States might prefer to step in at the end of a Russo-Japanese war. There is good precedent in international history.

The English Mail of the 21st November was delivered in London on the 19th inst.

In a hockey match, Hongkong Hockey Club versus H.M.S. *Vengeance*, played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the *Vengeance* scored 4 goals to 1.

We published in our yesterday's issue under the heading "A Protest from Macao" that the *Patriota* was published in Macao; it should be in Hongkong.

No doubt it is a good thing to clear out the furniture shops of Hongkong, but it is necessary that the upper verandahs should be washed out during the busiest hours of the day, thus giving unnecessary pedestrians in some of the streets involuntary shower-baths.

Rumours of war were rife yesterday. It is said that several telegrams have been received from Japan to the effect that war is imminent. Some people think that Russia cannot very well back-down, while others, taking Russia's past actions in mind, are of a contrary opinion. Shipping people are very much of the opinion that war will be decided.

Corporal Gilmore, of the U.S. Army, was shot head on the 18th inst. at Mindanao, P.I., as he failed to answer the sentry's challenge, at 1 o'clock a.m.

We have received from Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor & Co. two useful little silver pencil-holders of a very convenient shape for the pocket.

The *Amoy Gazette* intimates that the Amoy Chinese Admiral died at Foochow on the 14th inst. The flags at the Consulates and at the Customs were half-masted on the occasion.

We have received a picture postcard with Christmas greetings from Calcutta, the sender being Mr. Alec Middleton, advance agent of the Pollard Comedy Company, now playing in India.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 20th December were 232 non-Chinese and 41 Chinese to the former, and 73 non-Chinese and 2,139 Chinese to the latter institution.

Mr. W. J. Cennell, B.A., London, of the China Consular Service, was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple on the 17th ult. Mr. Cennell, who has been home on leave, is returning by the N.Y.K. steamer *Awa Maru*.

A Peking despatch quoted in the N.C. *Daily News* reports the arrival in that city of a Japanese lady teacher of high literary and scientific attainments, en route to Mongolia, whither she has been engaged by the Mongol Prince of Alatsin to teach his daughters and other Mongol young ladies of high rank.

Our Shanghai morning contemporary states that as Mr. Carl is going officially to the S. Louis Exposition, Mr. H. B. Morse, Commissioner at Canton will replace him as Statistical Secretary to the I.M.C., and will himself be succeeded at Canton by Mr. Raphael de Luca, who has recently returned from leave.

Viceroy Yuan Shi-Kai was on the 5th inst. appointed by the Throne, by special wire, Commander in Chief of the Five Army Corps of the Empire, or all the forces of the Empire, a higher post than even that of the late Yang Lu. The *Peking and Tientsin Times* heartily congratulates His Excellency on this promotion.

At the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on the 14th inst., Tsao Mao-mow, who was implicated with the gang who ganged up the eyes of a Chinaman on the 28th of April, 1903, was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment and to receive five-hundred blows and at an interval of six months to receive five-hundred more.

The Peking correspondent of the N.C. *Daily News* says that H.E. Hu Ya-fan has been to Heilminton, north-west of Moukden, to examine the newly-opened railway. Viceroy Alexieff has asked him to investigate the Chinese Eastern Railway, but whether he will go to Port Arthur or not is uncertain, "as he is anxious not to excite British suspicions."

A meeting of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held at the Magistracy, at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday, the 23rd December, 1903, for the purpose of considering the following application:—From one James D. M. Cameron for the transfer of his publican's licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquor on the premises situated at Nos. 49 to 44, Elgin Road, Kowloon, under the sign of the Occidental Hotel, to one Rudolf Matthay.

The *Universal Gazette* hears that the Governor of Kwangsi has telegraphed to Peking, denouncing Viceroy Shun. The text of the telegram is such as has never been seen before, to the utmost surprise of the reader—whatever that may mean. The same paper also learns that Viceroy Shun recently wired to the Throne that the Kwangsi rebellion is virtually suppressed and requested the Empress Dowager not to have any anxiety over the situation in Kwangsi or Kwangtung, and advised her to resist Russia by all possible means.

The latest from Nuchwang, according to a Northern contemporary, is as follows:—The Captain of one of the men-of-war in port (not British, of course, while returning to his ship) saw one of his crew lying fast asleep on the street, evidently 'the worse for liquor.' Taking compassion on the poor fellow, as it was a bitterly cold day, he good naturedly roused him up, took his arm, and assisted him on board. As they approached the gangway, the sailor called out "Hey, Quartermaster, I have brought the Captain aboard." Forty days.

The Secretary of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company informs us that at the 63rd annual meeting of the company, which was to be held on the 11th December, the directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the preferred stock, would recommend a dividend on the deferred stock of 6 1/2 per cent. for the six months, and a bonus of 3 per cent. making, with the interim dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. paid in June, a total distribution on the deferred stock of 13 per cent. of the year.

On the 14th inst. the 133rd performance of the Shanghai A.D.C. was given at the Lyceum Theatre, the play being Mr. H. V. Esmond's *One Summer's Day*. The cast was as follows, the assumed name of the amateur (whom no doubt some of our readers will be able to trace) being put in brackets:—Major Dick Radford (Mr. V. de Maire), Phil Marsden (Mr. Egilund), Theodore Bondyske (Mr. C. H. Philpot), Robert Hodgeson (Mr. George), Tom (Mr. Leslie), Sath (Mr. George Prince), The Uchina (Miss Dorothy Clive), Irene (Miss Jollyboy), Maymie (Miss Grace Thompson), Mrs. Theodore Bondyske (Miss Violet Woodhouse), Bea (Miss E. Weatherby), China (Miss Clara Cole).

The French Minister at Peking, M. Duhal, is reported to be vainly endeavouring to interpose in the Manchurian question and to persuade the Chinese Government to make some concession to Russia. "Some" is good.

A curious case of insurance fraud has just come to light at Blackburn, where a woman has been found to hold over forty policies on the lives of men she has never seen. The case is not one of an altogether unknown type, as a man was lately arrested in Lancashire for similar frauds. There is an early Georgian Act which prohibits the insurance of a life by a third party, unless the existence of an "insurable interest" be proved. But the industrial offices are frequently imposed upon, and through misrepresentation are often induced to issue policies to persons who have not the slightest claim to the right of "insurable interest" in the lives of persons able to show an insurable interest in relation to contracts terminating with or depending upon the royal life, and his Majesty's life is thus the most heavily insured in the country, although only a few offices take risks of the character.

A Russian correspondent of the *Times* writes:—It is now admitted in official circles at S. Petersburg that the policy which led to the occupation of Port Arthur and Manchuria was a mistaken one, and there is no prospect that its results will be commensurate with the vast expenditure of money and blood which it entailed. M. Witte, the author of that policy, has been removed to another sphere, and Admiral Alexieff's task is to repair as much as possible the errors which have been committed. The attempt to obtain an ice-free port on the Pacific has so far been a failure. It was hoped that the new seaport town of Dalny, which has been built by the Government at immense cost, would answer this purpose. The south-westerly winds, however, produced such high seas that the place could not be used as a harbour while those winds were blowing, and in order to remedy this the military engineers built a huge breakwater at a cost of 17,000,000 roubles; but now that the breakwater has been made the water in the harbour freezes in the winter, the high seas against which it was to be a protection having evidently prevented the accumulation of ice. It was therefore necessary to seek a new port; there is an admirable one free from ice on the coast of Corea between Vladivostok and Port Arthur at Masampo, but the attempts of Russia to acquire it failed owing to the opposition of Japan.

### THE CHARITY BAZAAR.

The Bazaar of Toy held on Saturday night last proved a great success, the gross receipts amounting to \$1,340.

We are requested to tender the thanks of the C. H. S. Union to the Commanders and officers of H.M.S. *Vengeance* for permitting their band to play, free of charge, during the evening; also to the ladies and gentlemen who kindly contributed with donations of money and goods, and to the various shops which sent in choice selections of goods for sale, and to the Press for their advertising by local notices, this Bazaar, and to the general public for their generous patronage of the same, which has once again enabled the Catholic Union to secure its object in providing a really enjoyable treat and useful presents for the aged poor, and the orphan children of Hongkong.

### SUDDEN DEATH.

J. S. Reben, who has been living at the Waverley Hotel, in Teo House Street, since the first of the month, was found dead in his bed in room No. 12 of the hotel yesterday morning. From enquiries it was learnt that deceased was quite well and cheerful on Sunday, and had a guest with him toiffin, going out with him afterwards. He was not seen to return to the hotel, but when his room-boy went into his room yesterday morning with his coffee, he thought the deceased looked very strange, and immediately summoned the proprietress of the hotel, when it was found the man was dead. Information was immediately given to the police, and the body was taken over by them for the purposes of the necessary inquiry. Until the inquest which takes place to-day, has been held nothing definite can be known, but it is believed to be a case of death from self-poisoning. Deceased was about 22 years of age.

### FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. "TAMAR."

Played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. Hongkong kicked off. The teams seemed to be well matched, play being pretty even at the start. The club, however, soon proved themselves a superior lot. An easy goal for the Navy was spoiled by one of the players being off side and kicking the ball in. At half time the score was nil.

After changing sides, and play had been recommenced for some time, a penalty was given against the Tamar. Bonnar took the ball and kicked it into goal. Another goal was scored for the Club by Williams. When the whistle blew, the score was—  
Hongkong Football Club ... 2.  
H. M. S. Tamar ... 0.  
The teams were as follows:—  
H.K.F.C.—A sub, in goal; Worcester, E. F. Annett, Jack, H. C. Austin, Davies, H. C. Gray, halves; J. W. Bonnar, W. H. Williams, C. R. S. Cooper, J. Richardson, R. A. Whitmore, forwards.  
H.M.S. Tamar.—Stirrat, goal; Armitage, Copeman, backs; Boet, Fowkes, Vee, halves; Pollard, Robinson, Baffey, Jeffery, Hefferman, forwards.

## TELEGRAMS.

### REUTERS'S SERVICE.

**THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA.**  
LONDON, 19th December.  
The Washington Senate has ratified the Commercial Treaty with China.

### RUSSIAN NAVAL REINFORCEMENTS.

LONDON, 19th December.  
A telegram from Bizerta states that a Russian squadron consisting of the battleship *Odessa*, the cruisers *Aurora* and *Dmitri Donik*, and five destroyers under the command of Admiral Urenius will be reinforced by six destroyers in a few days, and will then sail for the Far East.

### JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 19th December.  
The *Standard's* Tokyo correspondent wires that it is believed Russia's reply virtually rejects the cardinal principle of the Japanese claims, and that if it is so, unless Russia reconsiders the position, hostilities are almost inevitable.

LATER.  
The Japanese Minister in London is receiving from all parts of Great Britain offers of services in the event of war with Russia. Viscount Hayashi is deeply impressed, but under Japanese rules no foreigner can be employed on active military service.

### COLOMBIA AND PANAMA.

LONDON, 20th December.  
A battalion of U.S. marines has been ordered to embark at Philadelphia for Colon. The Navy Department keeps the plans a secret.

### CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE REGATTA.  
The first day of the Canton Regatta passed off very pleasantly. A large number of spectators were present throughout, and beautiful weather was enjoyed, while the surface of the water was untroubled by any breeze, except during the earlier races. The result of the International Four was a great disappointment to the supporters of the Union Jack. The British crew was beaten by 3 1/2 lengths. The Germans got away with a slightly better start than their opponents, and, taking the lead at once, led to the finish with a stroke of 39 to the British 27. No other result was expected by those in the know, for, owing to the retirement through "croaking" of No. 2 on Wednesday, an entirely new hand was rowing in the boat. In your correspondent's opinion, however, the Germans would have pulled off the race anyhow, but by a smaller margin.

The Hong Pairs were won by the representatives of H.M.S. *Arnold* (Karlberg, who defeated Messrs Varenne & Co. by 6 lengths. The latter crew, however, won the International Pairs by 3 lengths, defeating British Colonials (an Australian and a Canadian). The British were unable to enter for this race owing to the illness of their stroke at the last moment. The Sculls were won by Mr. Imhoff, who walked away from his opponent. The Double Sculls, with lady cox, were won by Mrs. Grant and Messrs. Leslie and Purnell, who rowed over the course, their opponents having scratched. The best race of the afternoon was the last, that between the Club and Committee, a very close thing and well contested. Bud steering on the part of the Club lost his boat some ground, and the Committee won.

Half-a-dozen launches, and as many house-boats, together with two large flower-boats, conveyed spectators to the scene. Refreshments were provided by the Club on one of the flower-boats, and everything was done both by the Club and private individuals to make the afternoon a success. The races were started by Mr. Sutton, of the I. M. C., while Mr. Hay acted as judge and Mr. May as umpire. To these officials, and to Messrs. Gilchrist, Pustan, and Scott (Sec. of the Club), is due the success of a most enjoyable afternoon.

### QUAIL AND SNIFE.

A party of sportsmen lately visited Koo Soo. Recently, very favourable accounts of this hunting-ground were sent in, but on Sunday, it appears, there was not a single quail. Still, however, the unsuccessful party have not lost faith in Koo Soo; they intend to visit it again shortly, and next time they will take a dog. One would think that their having made such an omission last Sunday is hardly pardonable, but, on one occasion, when the same gentlemen made a stiff climb in the vicinity of Koo Soo, they were obliged to carry the dog home. Here are dogs and dogs, no doubt. Now that many paddly crops are out, sport generally is reported to be poorer than of late, the birds, it would appear, having taken flight for further inland abodes.

### WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—The barometer has fallen over the E. coast of China and the Loo Choo, and continues to rise slowly over E. Japan. The anticyclone is still central over China, and pressure remains low to the N.E. of China. Gradients have decreased on the China coast, but continue steep over the China Sea. The monsoon will probably moderate in the Formosa Channel. Strong monsoon gales over the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh to moderate N. winds; fair.

## NOTES FROM THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

The herbarium attached to the Gardens has recently been enriched by the presentation from Staff-Surgeon C. G. Mathew (H.M.S. *Eclipse*) of collections of dried plants from Ningpo, Weihaiwei, Corea, and Japan. The specimens are carefully chosen and very well preserved, and the collector is to be congratulated on making so valuable an addition to the Colonial herbarium.

In the *Index Florae Sinensis* there are sixteen species of *Calanthe* recorded, and four species are found in Hongkong. One of these, *Calanthe gracilis*, is now flowering in the No. 3 house where it is represented by two specimens, one of which bears one sepal and the other four. It is a showy orchid, but it is interesting as it has been recorded from the Khasia Hills in addition to Hongkong. In the latter place it may be found growing on moist rocks on Mount Parker.

Roses and camellias in the Gardens have now a quantity of bloom on them, and should prove attractive for some time to come.

A very fine *Bauhinia* is in flower in the new garden near the deer-pond. It is a much finer species than *Bauhinia purpurea*, which was on flower a short time ago, and the flowers differ structurally from that plant. The colour is of a deep rose-purple excepting the lower petal, and has a large clear-coloured blotch on it. The individual flowers are 5 inches across and are abundantly produced in large terminal corymbose panicles.

Now that the deficiency of seats in the new garden has been remedied visitors will be able to enjoy with more comfort some of the lovely views of the harbour and Glenelg which are to be seen from there, particularly where the undergrowth in front of the seats has been cleared for the purpose.

### PAKHOI.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

14th December.

JUNKS FOR THE STRAITS.

The annual appearance of junks to load for the Straits is represented this year by no less than eleven vessels, and it is said that three more will arrive in a few days to swell the number. Favoured by the north-east monsoon, which has already set in, these traders are confident that they will reach their destination within a fortnight. The bulk of the cargo carried by these vessels consists usually of earthenware and iron pans. Five of the junks have already left, and the others will follow in a short time. As a rule three or four sail together. Why such a large amount of tonnage is not carried in foreign bottoms and propelled by steam is a question that cannot easily be answered. Maybe the long-discussed "preferential duty" plays a prominent part here. The other reason that could be advanced is that, considering the fragile nature of the goods generally carried by these junks, the liability of breakage is less on board them than on board steamers.

### FATAL EXPLOSION.

A fatal accident happened in the harbour about 11 a.m. on the 12th instant. An old piece of ordnance burst on board a junk, killing two men and injuring two others. The circumstances in connection with the accident are as follows. The gun was, apparently, one of the ordinary 12-pounders we used to see on the decks of junks—an obsolete weapon that probably has seen its days of active service, but since left to rust for nobody knows for how long in some obscure corner. It had been hoisted on board the junk again for active service, and for the purpose of testing it as to its usefulness, an ordinary charge of gunpowder was rammed in, but on firing, it burst.

### THE NEW PREFECT.

Kwok Chi Chum, the Prefect of Linchow, has gone into mourning owing to the death of his mother, and he will have to relinquish his office in consequence as soon as his successor arrives, who, it is mentioned, will be an official named Chi Ham Yeh. This gentleman, I am informed, was formerly a *uciguen* in Pakhoi some ten years ago.

### CHINESE LABOUR FOR S. AFRICA.

Hongkong is likely to be the base of supplying Chinese labour for S. Africa. When such comes to pass, it will be an excellent thing for the Colony. Possibly the Harbour Master's department will have to make special provision for examining the coolies under the emigration ordinance, which requires it to be ascertained that emigrants leave the colony as free men. Their destination, however, being a British colony, there is nothing to fear on this score. At the same time, no doubt, the usual routine will be gone through. From all accounts, however, it would seem that considerable time must elapse before Chinese labour is introduced to S. Africa. As regards Rhodesians, says a home paper, the story that the Chartered Company is to introduce Chinese labour forthwith may be disregarded. It would be very kind of the company, of course, to make the initial experiments with Chinese labour. It will want time and patience to obtain these labour supplies which are necessary. And not the least difficulty will be that in persuading the Chinese that the compound system, or "limited imprisonment," as one critic called it, is the best for them. Missing people farther East complete a little difficulty in getting all the Chinese labour they want, where there are no compound restrictions at all. The necessary compound arrangements will require some little explaining even to the childlike and bland Chinese.



## FORTHCOMING FETE IN MACAO.

IN AID OF DESERVING CHARITIES.

On Boxing Day and the following day, the 26th and 27th inst., it is proposed to hold in Macao a grand charity bazaar and *al fresco* fete in aid of the funds of the convents of the town. The locality chosen is the well known San Francisco gardens on the Praia Grande; and to make the affair a success the officials and leading residents of Macao, of various nationalities, are contributing both energy and gifts. Naturally it is hoped that Hongkong, which has so many ties, historic and social, with Macao, will take an interest in the fete and that many of its residents will take advantage of the holiday season to visit the neighbouring Colony. By so doing they will not only be consulting their own pleasure, but will be the same time assisting the cause of charity, a cause to which it is the boast of Hongkong never to be deaf. But of course in Hongkong as elsewhere the charitable like to be assured that their money and sympathy are being deservedly given. With a view to proving that this will be the case in the present instance it occurred to the committee of the Charity Bazaar to invite representatives of the Hongkong Press to visit Macao last week-end, and after lunching with them at the house of Mr. A. J. Basto, father of their Hon. Secretary, to inspect under the guidance of the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Macao the various institutions for which aid is being asked. The guests from Hongkong arrived on the s.s. *Heunggha* on Saturday evening. At 1 p.m. on Sunday they were received by the committee in Mr. Basto's house in the Calçada da Paz, and entertained to lunch. The company that sat down to table was:—The Rt. Rev. D. Paulino; d'Azavedo e Castro, Bishop of Macao; Dr. Luiz Forte, Acting Colonial Secretary; Dr. Albano de Magalhães, Chief Justice; Mr. W. Noyes Morhouse, Commissioner of Customs, Lappa; Mr. A. J. Basto, Consular Agent for France; Rev. Nunes, secretary to the Bishop; Mr. A. J. Basto, jun.; Mr. C. A. R. Cabral; Mr. Arthur Basto, Mr. Alfred Basto, Mr. P. W. Sergeant, Mr. Mannington, Mr. T. Clarke, and Mr. L. Xavier.

After a luncheon of the most hospitable and at the same time the choicest character, in which several Portuguese dishes worthily figured, Mr. Basto, son, rose and proposed in French the health of the guests. The Rt. Rev. Bishop replied in Portuguese and drank in turn the toast of the Press of Hongkong, alluding in very complimentary language to the British Press in general and to the support to charitable objects ever accorded by the Hongkong papers. Mr. P. W. Sergeant returned thanks briefly on behalf of the latter, and drank prosperity to the forthcoming charity bazaar. Dr. de Magalhães and Mr. A. J. Basto, jun., also spoke, the latter again speaking in flattering terms of the visitors. A few more short toasts followed before the company rose.

A brief inspection came next of some of the work which is to be sold at the Bazaar (the greater part of it the results of the orphans' and others' own toil) and of gifts sent by residents in Macao. This concluded, a group of the Committee, visitors, and members of Mr. Basto's household was photographed, and a visit of inspection of the three charitable institutions then commenced. The first reached was the Collegio de Perseverança in the Rua do Lourenço, which was started by the present Bishop of Macao on the 22nd November last. Under the charge of the Franciscan Sisters, it is designed for the reception of girls over 18 years of age who have left the Casa de Beneficência, the place mentioned later. At the Collegio the girls are taught various kinds of work of a practical nature, including cooking, and may stay till they are married or otherwise provided for. There are less than 50 inmates at present, but there is room for a large increase in the large and eminently sanitary looking buildings, with recreation ground attached. After leaving this, the party proceeded to the School of Santa Rosa de Lima, formerly the Santa Clara Convent, which was founded 200 years ago, but which has only been opened in its present form about two weeks back. This building, overlooking the Public Gardens, was not on the list of the institutions appealing for aid, but nevertheless the digression for a moment into another quarter proved very interesting. Here the daughters of Macao residents are taught by Sisters, several of them from the religious bodies recently expelled from France, all the accomplishments which their parents can desire. Languages are a strong point, English, French, and Italian all being imparted by Sisters of the respective nationality. The building itself is a fine example of old convent construction and with its great central courtyard, high timbered roofs, large class rooms, dormitories, etc., furnished a very favourable picture of schoolgirls' life in Macao. There are 20 boarders and over 40 other pupils in the establishment. The Mother Superior courteously attended the visitors and was indefatigable in pointing out the chief features.

The next move was to the Casa de Beneficência, near the famous Camões Gardens and the English Chapel. A casa was established in 1877 by the Canossian Sisters, wherein to board and educate destitute Portuguese and Chinese girls separately. The Portuguese authorities themselves have sent many girls to the Casa. Of the very numerous boarders admitted a number have been married or have otherwise settled in regular life and others have joined religious orders or taken up mission work. Annexed to the establishment is the Santa Infancia, analogous in ways to the Asilo de la Sainte Enfance in Hongkong; this was started on the 1st May 1885, since when no

less than 10,300 children have been received into it. Altogether the Casa is, as the Rt. Rev. Bishop described it in introducing the visitors, *un vrai musée*. It contains an asylum for old women (some over 90), an orphanage for children abandoned and received in babyhood at the Santa Infancia, a retreat for unfortunate women and others who desire to escape from the outer world—318 adults were received in this retreat alone—and a shelter for weak-minded children. The abandoned children formed a most pathetic part of the institution. Three very recently born infants had been received on Sunday morning alone, and there was another in a dying condition which had only arrived a little before. Over 800 children this year had thus been received by these Canossian Sisters only to see all efforts to save their lives fruitless. The Sisters live a life of unremitting toil and anxiety, the marks of which are on their faces only concealed by their tireless cheerfulness and their Italian vivacity. But for these and their devotion to the cause of their wards their existence would indeed be hard. As has been said, the girls in the Casa de Beneficência, when they attain the age of 18, are now sent to the Collegio de Perseverança. This, however, is due to a new development and is due to the interest and energy exhibited by Macao's new bishop.

It was almost 6.30 p.m. when the round of visits ceased and His Lordship bade farewell to the guests whom he had so courteously and with geniality conducted for the whole afternoon over parts of Macao where the ordinary visitor cannot penetrate, and even the regular resident does not go. It was very evident that his heart was in his work, and indeed all the committee bore eloquent testimony to his noble efforts in the cause of charity and of religious and practical education. Shortly afterwards good-bye was also said to Mr. A. J. Basto, the kindly host of the earlier part of the day, and to his sons and the rest of the committee; and a new and welcome experience came to an end.

The following details with reference to the Casa de Beneficência may be of interest:—On the 31st of September, the third quarter of the present year, there were in the Casa (or convent) and its adjuncts, not including the sisters—384 persons, of whom 70 were children.

The quarterly expenses were \$4,493.91, while the money received was \$3,251.73, making a deficit of \$1,233.16. The average expenses during the last quarter were at the rate of \$10.93 per head, or \$3.64 per month. The income, including the extraordinary sum of the proceeds from the amateur performance, and the donation from the Governor on the King's birthday, gives but an average of \$7.92 for the quarter, or \$2.64 per head, per month. It is therefore to make good this deficit of \$1.03 per head per month during the quarter in question that the Bazaar Committee is making every effort, and it is earnestly hoped that the object will be attained by the functions to be held on the 26th and 27th inst.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## THE VOLUNTEER CONCERT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 21st December.

SIR,—I note from your Jottings, in this morning's issue, that the Volunteers will attend in uniform. Quite so. But what uniform? Where are our blue clothes now? It is nothing but khaki, khaki all the time—except, of course, the officers. Why the exception? According to the Volunteer Ordinance, if I am not mistaken, the uniform is to be the same as English Volunteer Artillery. Perhaps the new General will take note. This is not the reason of the year to wear khaki, especially after sunset.—Yours, etc., "BOMBARDIER."

## SHIPPING NOTES.

**FRENCH COMMENT ON BRITISH WARSHIPS.**  
A French Naval officer says the *Good Hope* and *Drake* may be considered as models of naval construction, for while at a distance they are not beautiful objects, the closer one gets to them the more one admires them. A point greatly remarked upon is that the English vessels, while more powerfully armed than the French, are at the same time more heavily protected, and, moreover, the crews are afforded much more shelter than on French battleships. When the *Good Hope* entered Cherbourg recently many French officers, watching her through their glasses, remarked upon the impossibility of distinguishing any man on board, although as a matter of fact every man was at his post. French naval authorities would like to see more ships of the *Good Hope* type in the French navy.

**WEATHER OUTSIDE.**  
Arrivals from Manila report strong monsoon and heavy sea; from Singapore, and intermediate ports, strong N.E. monsoon; from Shanghai and intermediate ports, fair weather, N.E. monsoon.

**AN UNPLEASANT SITUATION.**  
As the *Sungking* was leaving Manila, about 6 p.m. last Wednesday, a Customs launch was alongside of her under the discharge. Suddenly the engine was moved, water shot from the discharge all over the launch, putting the lights out in the engine room, half-swamping the little craft, and rendering it practically impossible to cast off. Quite a deal of shouting and excitement ensued. As soon as word was passed to the bridge the engines were immediately stopped.

**SHIPPING AND FREIGHT.**  
The condition of the coastwise freight market continues as dull as ever; quotations as follows:—Sagami to Hongkong, 6 cents nominal; Sagami to Japan, 5 cents nominal for February loading, at 25 cents per picul, but no tonnage is at present available under 30 cents; N. C. Java to Japan 27½ cents per picul; N. C. Java to Hongkong 17½ cents per picul. Coal freights are firm.—Mojito to Hongkong \$1.65 per ton is offering; Ketchikan to Hongkong, one fixate at \$2 per ton; Hongkong to Hongkong \$1 per ton is the last rate paid; Hongkong to Penang \$2 per ton.

## PORT ARTHUR

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Port Arthur, 9th December.

THE PORT ARTHUR NAVAL CLUB.

One of the centres of civilisation in Port Arthur is the Naval Club where naval officers of all nations, visitors passing through, and foreign residents, who comply with the usual formalities, are treated with great hospitality by the Russian naval officers. It is difficult to exaggerate the kindness the non-Russian meet with here. The Englishman is especially well treated and is especially able to feel himself at home on account of the large numbers of officers who speak perfect English, and of the friendly feeling towards England that generally prevails.

There is a Ladies' Day once a week, on which occasion foreign ladies attend, and there is dancing; and once a week there is a sort of family dinner at which all the officers and their wives sit down to eat together. It is difficult to realise the extent to which these two little "fixures" of the week contribute towards raising the tone of society in Port Arthur and exercising a salutary influence all around. It is difficult, indeed, to imagine the moral condition to which this fortress might soon be reduced (mind, I am not saying that it is perfect as it is) if the influence of the wives, sisters, and daughters of the officers was withdrawn. Where such an enormous number of men "bustling" about, if I may use the expression, with vitality and high spirits is gathered together in one place, regrettable excesses are bound to result if a civilising influence is not exerted by women; and therefore I think that Port Arthur is very lucky in having within its circle of batteries so many of the fair sex, and that it is to be regretted that all the officers now coming out have been forbidden to take their wives with them on account of the lack of accommodation here. Even now, however, Port Arthur holds a high, if not the highest, place in the Far East for the beauty of its womanhood. This fact is not surprising considering that no city in Asia has such a large proportion of its population Europeans, and considering also that the climate is dry and bracing—a real "white man's" climate as they say—and therefore more favourable to the preservation of female beauty than that of Calcutta or Singapore. However that may be, my own melancholy reflections in Port Arthur have convinced me that, in Russia at all events, the soldiers and the sailors get the pick of the ladies. The same view seems to be entertained by other authorities—perhaps more competent to judge than myself. I was showing a newspaper correspondent from Peking round town the other day and he waxed enthusiastic over the number of fair dames we met, but, as he came from Peking, his views ought not perhaps to have much weight attached to them. If Port Arthur were not such an expensive place to live in and such "an eye-hole" generally, it would be undoubtedly the field of combat selected by "Old Campaigners" of the type portrayed by Thackeray in *Vanity Fair*—in other words by Russian matrons with marriageable daughters on their hands. To show the success that would be likely to wait upon the operations of such a female strategist, I need only mention the fact that here, as in Singapore, it seems impossible for hospitals and the like to keep any length of time as they get married almost as soon as they come out. Returning to the main question, I shall prophesy that Port Arthur has every prospect of being quite a beautiful and remarkable city in some ten years' time. Its buildings will be fine, its climate will be as bracing as it is now and its sanitation better, it will have a vigorous court,—probably more splendid than anything outside of India; and its harbour will have by that time become very much better than it is at present. A large number of globe-trotters and Far Eastern residents will also undoubtedly pass through it on their way to and from Europe. This desirable consummation would have been brought much nearer if so much money had not been spent on Dalry and thus diverted from Port Arthur.

## A GARRISON CLUB.

Besides the Naval Club there is also a Garrison Club where private theatricals are frequently given, and the Officers' Club that is now being built in New Town will, I think, be one of the handsomest things of its kind in the Far East. It will cost about \$50,000 sterling and will be sumptuously fitted up in every way, so that it will in fact be a regular palace in whose halls the highest of the Russian nobility might—and undoubtedly will—be given entertainments without any incongruity. Taking it all round, Port Arthur promises to be a magnificent social centre in a short time.

## PORT ARTHUR IN 1903.

This is the title of an article which Colonel Artemieff writes in the *Novi Krai* of Sunday last. The Colonel takes a broader view of the question than one might have expected of a military man, for he thinks that now that Port Arthur has ceased to be a mere camp and become a busy commercial centre something should be done towards giving it the privileges enjoyed by other Russian towns, and letting the commercial class have a greater voice in municipal concerns. The Colonel does not, of course, say that Port Arthur should be governed in exactly the same way as a Russian town. Its peculiar position necessarily requires some alteration in the municipal regulations in vogue in Russia. The two points on which the Colonel insists are: (1) the necessity of changing the present regulations concerning the rights of election possessed by householders; and (2) the necessity of appointing

civilians to administer municipal affairs as in the West. The writer does not think that the foreign element is to be feared; on the contrary, he says that its co-operation in municipal affairs cannot but be for the great good of the town. "Finally," he asks, "is the population of Port Arthur, on the whole, of a worse type than the population of Shanghai; and, if it is not of a worse type, why not have popular Government here as well as in Shanghai?"

## THE MANCHURIAN HIGHWAYMEN.

An expedition organised by the General Staff against the Manchurian highwaymen who have been proving troublesome of late, has proved successful. The scene of the operations was the Liao River and the Chinese were under the command of Messieurs Talon-Sana and Falon-hou. The fourth part of a brigade took part in the operations. In an action at the village of Vafu, the Highwaymen were completely defeated. The Russian losses were four killed and ten wounded, one officer being in the latter category. According to the official statement of the local Chinese administration, the bandits lost about two hundred killed and about as many wounded. This heavy loss on the part of the Chinese was due to a night attack being made by the Russians and to a panic among the bandits. Talon-Sana lost his right hand, which was cut off at the wrist. The expedition did its work with deadly thoroughness. It travelled 400 versts west of the Liao River, and afterwards started on a new chase of the same length back again and cornered the Chinese gang on the river. The Russian troops are said to have shown unusual endurance and bravery in the little campaign.

## SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 21st December.

## IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

## THE WILD DELL MURDER CASE.

Tsang Tin Kwai and Tsang Shang were charged with having on 10th May murdered a woman named Leung So.

They pleaded not guilty, and were defended by Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law. The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. P. Pluge, E. W. Terry, R. Christiansen, E. V. D. Parr, J. O. E. Meyer, T. C. Downing, and W. F. Bassford.

The Hon. Attorney-General, Sir Henry S. Berkeley (who was instructed by Mr. H. Hursthouse of Messrs. Denny and Bowley), stated in opening the case that the prisoners were charged with the unlawful murder of the concubine of one Tsang Mook. In other words the two assassins, who were of the same surname as the woman's husband, were charged with having murdered the concubine of the third man. The case for the Crown was that these two men murdered this woman at the request and on the payment by the third man, whose concubine the woman was. The husband was not in custody. He had since absconded from the Colony, and was out of reach of justice, if he was guilty. The facts of the case showed that on 10th May Mr. White was disturbed by a disturbance on the road outside his house at Wild Dell. He heard sounds of quarrelling and afterwards piercing shrieks and screams. He rushed out and found a Chinese woman lying at the edge of the road with a terrible wound above her abdomen. Almost immediately after his arrival a Chinese watchman came up and heard a statement from the dying woman's lips which would be offered in evidence. This statement was made by the woman at the very point of death. For sometime the matter remained a mystery; no clue could be had as to who committed the deed. The woman died the day after she was found lying wounded, so that from that date till October no one was arrested on the charge of being implicated in the outrage. The police however were making enquiries and ultimately from information received they had been able to find the Crown believed to bring home the charge against the two men who stood empanelled. Of course the Jury would understand that the fact about the assassination of this woman was kept absolutely secret but for some reason or other there was a split among those who were cognisant of the crime. They would have to rely on the evidence of a man who was not an accomplice but who undoubtedly was aware beforehand of what was going to be done and knew all about it. He would tell the jury that on the 9th of May he was in an opium den when the two prisoners came in. He would know them. He also knew the husband of the deceased woman and on the night before-hand the two men came into the den where he was together with the husband of the deceased. They were altogether in the shop. He heard the husband say that he was very much ashamed on account of the conduct of his wife and proceeded to say that it would give him great satisfaction if some one would kill her. The second prisoner then asked how much the husband would offer and was told by the husband that he would get \$30 if he did the deed. This witness would also state that the husband was in the den when the prisoners came in. They all talked about the matter that had been arranged on the previous night between the husband and the second prisoner about the killing and according to the witness's story he heard them say that they would go out that night about that business. He (the witness) said it was not right to go about this business and told the prisoners it was a very serious matter. They had offered him some money to say nothing about it. This he refused.

After hearing evidence, the jury found the charge proving.

His Lordship sentenced the men to death.

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## POLICE COURT.

Monday, 21st December.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## ALLEGED LIBEL.

Remanded from last Friday, the case in which Madame Guion prosecuted Captain Bazin of the *Wong Nam* for alleged malicious libel was resumed at the Magistrate's yesterday. Mr. Hett appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Harding for the defence. Upon this case being called on, Mr. Hett said that he had found the meaning of the word *proximité*, which meant a "procureur."

Madame Guion, recalled, said it was very bad word. It meant to give a man a lady. She was very angry when she received the letter, as it was very bad to speak in that way about her little girl. She thought in using the word *proximité* the accused used it in respect to her child. She was too sad at her loss at first to do anything, but when she received a communication from the French Consul she did not delay any longer, and did not wait for the arrival of M. Guion, who is shortly expected here from France.

In the letters produced witness pointed out the similarities in the letters D, L, K, and O and said in both letters the word "Hongkong" was in the same writing. By the expression "*Care de la justice des hommes*" in the letter, she understood that the law would punish her. Cross-examined by Mr. Harding, witness said when she read the letter she understood what the word *proximité* meant. She never used the word herself. She has lived for 7 years in Hongkong. Her husband is alive. The letter was addressed to her as "Madame Guion." The business is not hers. She carries it on for M. Guion. She did not know why Captain Bazin left her house suddenly. She never tried to secure the signature of Captain Bazin's wife. She received several letters from the defendant—more than three. She returned one unopened. That was the letter addressed Madame Irma Chanson. She could not remember how many of defendant's letters she burned by the advice of the French Consul. The French Consul said it was better to burn the letters and save trouble. It was better not to prosecute the defendant. That was about 3 months ago. The letter now under complaint was the last she received from the defendant. She did not remember if he had ever written to her on that kind of paper, or used that kind of envelope before. She thought the letter shown her was in Bazin's writing. She considered the two other letters were in the same writing. This closed the case for the prosecution. The evidence on behalf of the defence was reserved.

His Worship was satisfied that there was sufficient evidence to commit the defendant to the next Criminal Sessions, and committed him accordingly. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$500 cash.

**GAMBLING.**  
On raiding house No. 353 Des Voeux Road on Sunday afternoon, Inspector McNabb found 15 Chinese busily engaged in a game of fan-tan. The first three, on being arraigned before His Worship yesterday on the charge of maintaining a common gaming-house, were fined \$100 each, and the other twelve \$3 each for gambling.

**A SMART RECOVERY.**  
On Friday last Young Caing was left in charge of his master's boat, in which were \$500, while his master, who was a Chinese comrade, went on board a steamer. His business completed, the comrade returned to his boat to find that the coolie had disappeared, and so had \$300 out of the bag. Information was immediately given to Sergt. Collet, of No. 2 Police Station, and the information circulated throughout the other stations, and during the afternoon of the same day the coolie was arrested in the New Territory by a Sikh policeman with \$299 out of the \$300 in his possession. The money was returned to its owner, and the prisoner sent to six months' hard labour.

## A POLITICAL PRESCRIPTION.

A friend, who is by way of being a cynic philosopher as well as a keen observer, sent us a prescription for all the ills of the "Wel Politick," warranted to ensure the millennium within ten years, says the *Singapore Free Press*. The prescription is applicable in consecutive instalments, thus:—

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**HAMBURG LETTER.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Hamburg, 17th November.

Foremost in interest amongst the events of the past fortnight stands at least as far as this country is concerned, the removal of a polypus from the royal chard. The official announcement which appeared ten days ago caused some anxiety at first, for the sufferings and sad fate of the Emperor Frederick are still fresh in the memory of the nation, but the reassuring bulletins of the three Court physicians, and the emphatic statements of Dr. Schmidt, who performed the operation, and of Professor Orth, who examined the growth, for excision, that it was of a benign type and not likely to recur, has allayed all fears and the public is most grateful to His Majesty for having taken it so fully into his confidence. The papers have brought out most loyal articles on the subject, one of them remarking very aptly that the occurrence has made everybody feel once more the importance of the life of the Emperor, in whom is blended such a strange mixture of the idealism and sound common sense, for the welfare of the country. The foreign Press, too, has shown itself most sympathetic, and it is to be hoped that the kindly feeling towards the Kaiser and the high up recitation of his character to which the British newspapers have given expression may help to promote a better understanding between the two nations.

A book by Professor W. J. Ashley, of Birmingham, "The Tariff Problem," which is quoted by the *Hamburger Correspondent*, seems to tend in the same direction. The Professor argues that, although Germany was perfectly justified in meeting the tariff measures of the United States and South Africa to the detriment of her own industry, no customs war need be forced, the trade between the two nations being so enormous that it will be to their mutual advantage to come to an understanding. The "German danger" in therefore an imaginary one, whilst it is in the competition of ideas and the United States that is really to be feared, and against two countries England and Germany should make common cause. Professor Ashley does not believe in Anglo-Saxonism, for the admixture of other elements—of French, for instance, who hate us, and of German and Scandinavian, Italians and others who may not always be disposed to favour us. Concerning the present estrangement between the English and German people, he argues that the former would probably feel equally aggrieved, if their history had been the same, if after a long period of prosperity the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries they had found their political, social and commercial development retarded by wars, such as the Thirty Years' War, which had waste and nearly depopulated the country, leaving it to become a battle-field of Europe for another two hundred years; if internal dissensions and misgovernment in many of the numerous states constituting the German empire had hampered the free growth of trade and industry, and if after emerging from their troubles, once more a united and powerful empire, they had discovered that a more fortunate neighbour had in the meantime secured almost a monopoly of the trade of the world, and had by planting colonies in every part of the habitable globe obtained possession of vast domains, whither to direct its emigrating population, leaving little that was desirable for others. They would have conceived little love for that neighbour. But this feeling on the part of the German people, the author hopes, may wear off in time. It should not be resented much less by the English, but both nations should endeavour to cultivate friendly relations in their common interest and against common rivals.

After the abuse that the Continental Press has been in the habit of heaping upon the British army and its officers since the war in South Africa, it is quite refreshing to read a manuscript, just published by the military events of that period by the German General Staff, no mean authority in such matters. They do not purpose giving a consecutive history of the war, but will confine themselves to articles on such episodes as may throw light on the altered conditions of modern warfare. The first paper deals with the battle of Tannenberg. The writer is of opinion that the former German success in spite of the loss of the guns in the beginning, if General Buller had not lost his head, and had, instead of joining in the fray, watched events and altered his dispositions accordingly. If on the 15th December the troops had maintained their positions, success would probably have been theirs. It was an action lost by the general, but through no fault of his brave troops.

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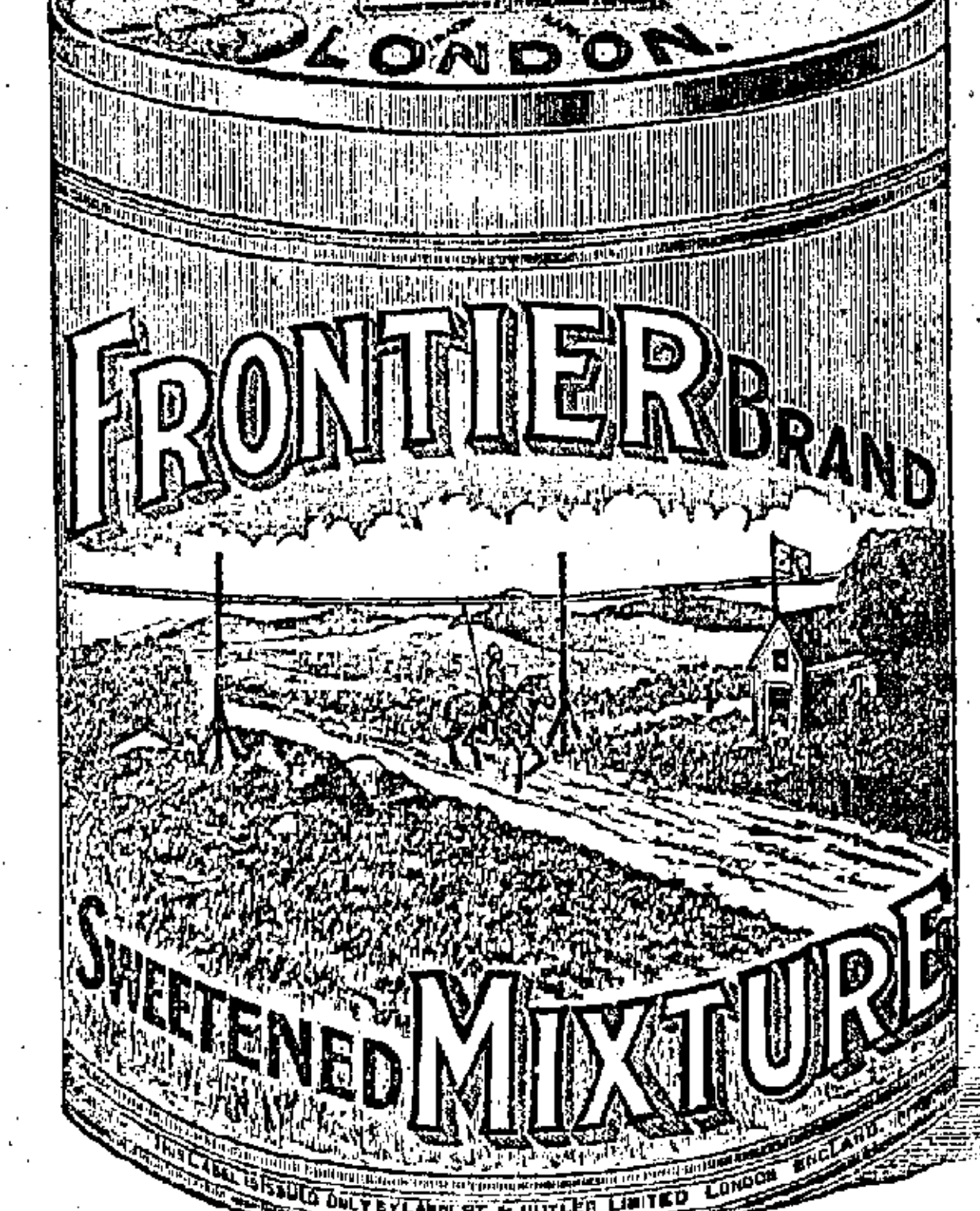
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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 14th January.	
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEY"	On 22nd January.	
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"MOYUNE"	On 28th January.	
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.	

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PROMETHEUS"	On 22nd December.	
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DARDANUS"	On 5th January.	
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.	
LIVERPOOL, with TRAN- SHIPMENT AT SINGAPORE	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.	

\* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TYDEUS"	On 29th December.	
	"PINGSUEY"	On 24th January.	

For Freight, apply to—  
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AGENTS.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903.

# CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
CEBU and ILOILO	"KWEIYANG"	On 23rd December.	
SHANGHAI	"TAMSI"	On 23rd December.	
MANILA and SHANGHAI	"SUNGKIANG"	On 23rd December.	
MANILA, ON & CO.	"TIENTSIN"	On 24th December.	
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 30th December.	
KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	On 1st January.	

\* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these  
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light, Unrivaled Table. A fully qualified  
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Australian Ports.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to—  
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903.

# PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	REMARKS.
LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, and COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	MANILA, H.G.H. Lowell, R.N.E.	Noon, 24th December	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	MAZAGON, W.H.S. Hall	About 26th December	Freight only.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANG- HAI, MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	PALERMO, E.G. Andrews	About 28th December	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	SIMLA, F.R. Summers	Noon, 2nd January	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	BENGAL, G. Phillips	About 2nd January	Freight and Passage.
* SINGAPORE, and BOMBAY	PENINSULAR, H.W. Kenrick, R.N.E.	About 6th January	Freight only.

\* Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offers.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
**E. A. HEWETT,**  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903.

# CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, via CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.  
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"Empress" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.

SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).	DATE
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF CHINA" ... 6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan. 1904
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN" ... 3,882 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 27th Jan.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF INDIA" ... 6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb.
R.M.S. "TARTAR" ... 4,425 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 24th Feb.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN" ... 6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 9th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF CHINA" ... 6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF INDIA" ... 6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 20th April
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN" ... 3,882 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 27th April
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN" ... 6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 11th May

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW "EMPEROR" STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through  
the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA  
to VAN COUVE (B.C.) in 12 DAYS "TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS, saving  
THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver  
with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY,  
which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC  
WITHOUT CHANGE in 97 hours. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax,  
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(second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL  
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Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY  
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VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL  
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PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.	DATE
"LOWTHER CASTLE" ...	24th Dec.
"SIKH" ...	12th Jan.
"SAGAMI" ...	20th Jan.
"AFRIDI" ...	9th Feb.

For Freight and further information, apply to  
**DODWELL & CO., LD.,**  
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. (1125)

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STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW  
YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"HIMERA," Captain Lockhart,

will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the  
28th DECEMBER.

For Freight, &c., apply to  
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Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. (1319)

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THE Undersecretary GENERAL AGENTS  
in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line  
are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS  
OF LADING for all the principal ports in  
SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with Indo-  
CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly  
service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from  
CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.  
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**DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.**  
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Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

## HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI"

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DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week  
days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion  
Sundays, at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days  
at about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.

FARE—(week days) 1st Class including cabin  
and servant, \$3. 3rd Class 50 cents.

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Single Tickets \$2. Return Ticket \$3. Return  
Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on  
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The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every  
Sunday, and takes only 34 hours from Macao.

M. W. C. ON & CO.  
2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.  
Hongkong 8th September, 1903. 121

## HIRANO WATER.

THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS.

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Bottled in Japan by H. E. REYNELL & Co.

BEWARE OF JAPANESE IMITATIONS.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO., AGENTS.  
Hongkong, 31st July, 1903. 30

## PROPOSALS FOR FROZEN-FRESH BEEF AND FROZEN-FRESH MUTTON.

Headquarters: Division of the  
Philippines, Office of the Chief Commissary,  
Manila, P.I., August 25th, 1903.—Sealed  
proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this  
Office until 11 o'clock, a.m., March 19th,  
1904, at which time and place they will be  
opened in the presence of the attending bidders.  
For the furnishing and delivery of six million  
six hundred thousand (6,600,000) pounds of  
frozen fresh beef and four hundred and eighty  
thousand (480,000) pounds of frozen fresh  
mutton to the Subsistence Department at  
Manila, P.I., during the year ending June  
30, 1905. The accepted beef and mutton will  
be admitted free of Customs duties. The  
United States reserves the right to decrease the  
amount called for in the contract, by not to  
exceed 4% upon reasonable notice to the  
contractor; or to increase the amount called  
for, with the consent of the contractor. Each  
proposal must be accompanied by a Bidder's  
Guarantee in the amount of \$20,000, or by  
certified check for that amount on a bank of  
approved standing in Manila. The bidder to  
whom the contract is awarded will be required  
to give bond, the penalty of which will be fixed  
by the Chief Commissary. Information  
furnished on application. Envelopes contain-  
ing proposals should be marked: "Proposals  
for frozen fresh beef and frozen fresh mutton  
for F.Y. 1905, to be opened March 19th, 1904,"  
and addressed to the undersigned—HENRY  
G. SHAEPE, Colonel, A.C.G. U.S. Army,  
Chief Commissary. [2404]

## PURE FRESH WATER

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER.

BOAT CO., LD., is prepared to supply  
ANY QUANTITY OF PURE FRESH  
WATER to the Shipping, both for Deck and  
Boilers.

Call Flag W.

J. W. KEW,  
Manager,  
Hongkong, 13th June, 1903. [3345]

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This Beer is brewed of best Saazer Hops and  
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The Beer is bottled after being bottled, and  
full nature agencies its fine condition in any  
climate. Beautifully bright, seductively spark-  
ling, and perfectly pure.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,  
Sole Agents,  
Hongkong, 26th July, 1903. [3311]

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM,  
ANTWERP, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

## THE N.D.L. Steamship

"WURZBURG"

Captain von Binzer, having arrived from the  
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for  
counter-signature by the Undersigned and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods from  
the Godowns.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,  
To-day, the 16th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be  
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,  
and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1903. [3471]

## STEAMSHIP "ANNAM"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex.s.s.  
Bagdad, Sinaud Medes, in connection with  
above Steamer, are hereby informed that their  
Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure  
and Valuables, are being landed and stored at  
their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., LD., at  
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained  
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless  
intimation is received from the Consignees  
before Noon, To-day, the 15th inst., requesting  
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered  
after Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Noon, will  
be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before  
the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on  
Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [2]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"COROMANDEL"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—  
From London &c., ex.s.s. Himalaya.  
From Australia, ex.s.s. Australia.  
From Persian Gulf, ex.s.s. B. I. S. N.  
and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before  
5 P.M., To-day, the 18th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 25th inst., at 4 P.M.,  
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-  
downs for examination by the Consignees and  
the Company's representative at an appointed  
hour. All Claims must be presented within  
ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after  
which date they cannot be recognised. No  
Claims will be admitted after the Goods have  
left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [1]

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Hongkong, 6th October, 1903. [27]

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the Ports and Calling Places  
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Hongkong, 1st April, 1897.

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PROVINCE OF SHANTUNG.

ITS TRADE, POPULATION AND FUTURE  
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BY M. O'S.

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Hongkong, 31st January, 1900.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1898.

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The *Empress of China* with the Canadian Mail left Shanghai on Saturday the 18th inst., at 10 p.m. and may be expected here to-morrow.

The *Bayer* with the German Mail left Singapore on Friday, the 18th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The American Mail per *s.s. Korea* will be closed on Thursday, the 24th inst., at 5 p.m. A supplementary mail will be closed on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 9 a.m.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton, Amoy and Tamsui.	<i>Pothan</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui.	<i>Datigi Maru</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Hankow	<i>Elizabeth Rickmers</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	<i>China</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 1.00 P.M.
Macao	<i>Catharine Apear</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	<i>Sie Yip</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kamohuk and Samahai	<i>Taiwan</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	<i>Guthrie</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe	<i>Australian</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	<i>T. Smith</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Hankow and Haiphong	<i>Maidara Maru</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Amoy	<i>Potomac</i>	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	<i>Honam</i>	Wednesday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Haiphong	<i>M. Struce</i>	Wednesday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Quong Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	<i>Hatman</i>	Wednesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui		Wednesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.

EUROPE, &c., India via 1st berth. Extra Postage 10 cents.  
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Manila  
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## COMMERCIAL

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

21st December.

ON LONDON—

Telegraphic Transfer

Bank Bills, on demand

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight

Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight

ON PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight

Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight

ON GERMANY—

Bank Bills, on demand

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight

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ON NEW YORK—

Bank Bills, on demand

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight

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ON BOMBAY—

Telegraphic Transfer

Bank Bills, on demand

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ON CALCUTTA—

Telegraphic Transfer

Bank Bills, on demand

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight

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ON SHANGHAI—

Bank Bills, on demand

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight

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Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Nemans*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Shanghai at 11 a.m. on the 18th inst., and left again at 10 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m. to-day.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Bayer* left Singapore on the 18th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at 5 p.m.

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 20th December.

COMPANY PAID UP QUOTATIONS.

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Apply to—

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GODOWNS in MASON'S LANE, next to

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DAVID SAUNDERS &amp; CO., LD.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1903. [3295]

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HOUSE No. 2, QUEEN'S GARDENS

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Apply

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2ND and 3RD FLOORS, No. 35, QUEEN'S

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1903. [198]

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FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing the

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1903. [3355]

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NO. 2, "MAGDALEN TERRACE,"

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SPANISH PROCURATION.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1903. [73]

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No. 33, CONDUIT ROAD, Six rooms.

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HOUSE in CAINE ROAD in FLATS.

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And others to suit various requirements.

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Hongkong, 11th July, 1903. [1198]

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